Exit Art Award

An innovative collection of jewellery has won this year’s Chief Minister’s Award at the annual Exit Art exhibition.

The 15th Exit Art exhibition features the work of last year’s Northern Territory Stage 2 art students.

The Member for Fannie Bay Michael Gunner opened the annual exhibition on behalf of the Education Minister at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) this evening.

“Congratulations to Darwin High School student Kristie Langford on winning the Chief Minister’s Award,” Mr Gunner said.

“Her collection consists of a ring, bangles, earrings and necklaces, and features an interesting design of loose threads captured in resin.”

Mr Gunner said the remainder of the 69 art works and artists’ folios feature paintings, sculptures, photographs, film and textile pieces.

“Events such as this are important for rewarding and acknowledging excellence in art. Exit Art is a great example of this Government’s philosophy that the arts should be available to everybody.”

Kirstie’s work will be displayed in Parliament House for a year.

“The quality of the work this year was of such a high calibre that it was difficult to choose a winner. As a result the Chief Minister has asked for another five works, with the permission of the artists, to also be displayed at Parliament House,” Mr Gunner said.

Those five are:

- Catherine Browne, from Darwin High School, for her paintings Cathculator
- Samantha Daly, from Kormilda College, for her paintings Porcellanite Rock
- Olivia Heggie, from Centralian Senior Secondary College, for her digital prints Life is a Zoo Inside a Jungle
- Andrew Pearce, from Tennant Creek High School for his mixed media painting, Conflicted Wings
- Elysia Ranking, from Palmerston High School, for her digital prints Life
Mr Gunner thanked the major sponsor ENI Australia for sponsoring Excellence Awards for those students who received a perfect score in a visual art subject and Merit Awards for those students who attained a perfect score for the practical section of a visual arts subject.

The People’s Choice Award is also sponsored by ENI Australia, and the public will have the opportunity to vote for this award during the course of the Exit Art exhibition.

The exhibition is open to the public from tomorrow to 12 July at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Bullocky Point.

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